



January 26, 2007

Deborah Burns
Federal Transit Administration
Washington DC Metro Office
1990 K Street NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20006

Subject: Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transit Improvements Project

Dear Ms. Burns,

Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, have prepared documentation in support of a probable documented NEPA Categorical Exclusion for proposed transit improvements in the Crystal City/Potomac Yard corridor. The general plans that describe the project and the technical reports that document its projected impacts are enclosed. The project team requests your concurrence that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion.

Please note that although the proposed Crystal City/Potomac Yard transit corridor extends from the Braddock Road Metrorail Station in Alexandria to the Pentagon and Pentagon City in Arlington, this documented Categorical Exclusion is submitted to obtain a determination for the portion of the planned alignment that begins at a new mixed-use development at the Alexandria/Arlington County line in the south and ends at the Crystal City Metrorail Station in the north, referred to as Segments D and E (See attached Figure 1 in Appendix 1). As the project progresses, additional approvals will be sought to implement subsequent phases.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 962-6474 or Jim Ashe at (202) 962-1745.

Sincerely,

Wendy Jia
Project Manager

cc: Arlington County, Bee Buergler
City of Alexandria, Jim Maslanka
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Tanya Husick

ENCLOSURES: As stated

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70, 71, 80, X2

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